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April 17. 1830 Philad^a

My dear Madam

I am entirely unacquainted with Dr. Becks, both personally and by reputation, and cannot therefore express any opinion in relation to the comparative merits of the two schools - My reasons for recommending the Round Hill, were founded both upon what I had seen of its principal and upon the opinions of those who had visited the spot - Mr. Logsdale when I first knew him was travelling as the companion of Young Thynne of Boston, with as I understood full power to control him in all his movements. The difference of their ages was considerable, but not sufficient to give him any considerable influence from that cause over a young man of 22, with the prospect of an immense fortune, and the actual enjoyment of a liberal income - Yet he seemed to have acquired

the faculty of leading him as he pleased, and concealed most successfully all appearance of coercion which would have irritated one who was passionate and when once excited most exceedingly obstinate - The delicacy and propriety of his conduct was the theme of constant praise, and I can safely say from what I then and have since heard of from Thorndyke, our lips, that he has secured a warm friend in his pupils - I should not wish John by any means to take Thorndyke as his model for since his return his conduct has not been unexceptionable - but even that seems to me a strong proof of Mr C.'s power over him, ^{as} when he resisted the greater temptations of Europe and yielded to those of this country - -

I mention these facts my dear Madam to show why I gave the advice I did - From my own experience I know a public school is by no means without its dangers - but at John's age

and under the circumstances of his case, I do
not know any course which presents fewer.
Upon the Master of these Schools almost every
depends, but something also may be allowed
for the kind of boys with whom he is to associate
You and those around you can form a companion
between the two establishments you mention
and when you decide, it will give me great
pleasure to be the organ of communication
with either altho' it would be much better
I should think if some personal acquaintance
of Dr. Beech, were to write to him in the first
instance. I repeat however that in this or in
any thing else it will always give me pleasure
to be of any possible service to you or to
your children, to whom I beg you will
remember me most affectionately. With that

greatest respect & attachment

Believe me ever exceedingly yrs

H. S. Williams

Nenny J. Williams Esq.
on John Hearn entering
the Highland School
April 17th 1830



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M^{rs}. Peter Hearn

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